

A Litany for Advent

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
- P** O Father, who so loved the world as to give your only Son unto our eternal life;
C Have mercy upon us.
P O Son, who came in the likeness of sinful flesh to suffer for us, and who will come again to judge us;
C Have mercy upon us.
P O Holy Spirit, who mercifully visits the souls of your elect and abides with us forever;
C Have mercy upon us.
P Holy Trinity, forever blessed,
C Be gracious to us and bless us.
- P** From the snares of the world, the flesh, and the devil;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P From impenitence, unbelief, and neglect of your holy commandments;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P From all carelessness, and from forgetfulness of you;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P From your wrath in this world and the world to come;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P From a dull conscience, and from sudden and evil death;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P By the compassion and forbearance of the Father;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P By your first advent in humility;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P By your passion and precious death;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P By your intercession for us as high priest before the Father;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P By your second advent in glorious majesty;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P By the mercies and comforts of the Holy Spirit;
C Good Lord, deliver us.
P In our days of sorrow, weakness, and trial,
C Help and defend us, O Lord.
P In the awesome day of judgment,
C Deliver us, O holy and merciful savior.
- P** We implore you to hear us, good Lord.
That you would grant to us true repentance and a pure conscience,
C We implore you to hear us, good Lord.
P That you would enable us to bear all our trials patiently and to glorify you in our daily life;
C We implore you to hear us, good Lord.
P That you would defend and govern your holy church throughout the world and especially in this land.
C We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

- P** That you would grant to your holy church true unity, peace, and concord;
- C** **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** That you would grant to the afflicted and suffering in soul or body your merciful aid and deliverance;
- C** **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** That you would grant to all the faithful departed eternal light, and that you would hasten the fullness of their bliss.
- C** **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** That you would exalt our minds to heavenly desires;
- C** **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** That we may be increasingly perfected in the fruits of the Spirit and more entirely conformed to your most holy will;
- C** **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** That, since we know not the day of your return, we may be ever watchful and prepared to give an account of our stewardship;
- C** **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;
- C** **Hear us, O Lord.**
- P** O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;
- C** **Spare us, O Lord.**
- P** O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world;
- C** **Have mercy upon us.**
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.
- P** Let us pray
O Lord Jesus Christ, for whose sudden coming to judgment your church looks and waits, come now to us in your life-giving love, and plant in our hearts holy fear and love. Establish us in your truth and righteousness, and give us boldness to confess you before men, that at the last day you would confess us before your Father and all the heavenly host. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**